

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:

an information providing part configured to function as a Web server, the information providing part configured to provide, to a client terminal, screen data to be displayed as a Web screen by a Web browser on the client terminal, the screen data being used for selecting one or more image forming apparatuses among from a plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to a network; and

a print request part for distributing print data and a print request to one or more image forming apparatuses selected on the Web screen,

wherein the image forming apparatus includes hardware configured to perform a printer function, and at least one of a copy function, a fax function, and a scanner function.

Claim 2 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information providing part sends screen data for inputting a print instruction to the client terminal; and

the print request part distributes the print data and the print request when receiving the print instruction from the client terminal.

Claim 3 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information providing part sends screen data used for uploading the print data to the client terminal; and

the image forming apparatus receives the print data when the print data is uploaded from the client terminal.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the screen data includes data for displaying a plurality of image forming apparatuses and corresponding places for each of the image forming apparatuses.

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the screen data includes data for displaying a plurality of image forming apparatuses and corresponding functions for each of the image forming apparatuses.

Claim 7 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the image forming apparatus further comprising a storing part for storing information including addresses of the selected one or more image forming apparatuses,
wherein the print request part distributes the print data and the print request by referring to the information stored in the storing part.

Claim 8 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the print instruction includes an instruction for designating functions to be used for printing the print data, and

the print request part selects one or more image forming apparatuses that includes the designated functions from among the selected one or more image forming apparatuses, and distributes the print data and the print request to the one or more image forming apparatuses that includes the designated functions.

Claim 9 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print request part requests a printing part of the image forming apparatus itself to print the print data.

Claim 10 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the print request part requests the printing part of the image forming apparatus itself to print the print data by using a loop back address.

Claim 11 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the image forming apparatus further comprising an address obtaining part for obtaining addresses of image forming apparatuses connected to a network; and

wherein the print request part distributes the print data and the print request by using the addresses obtained by the address obtaining part.

Claim 12 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the address obtaining part obtains the addresses from MIBs by using SNMP.

Claim 13 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the image forming apparatus further comprising hardware resources used for image forming processes, and control services that perform processes of the system side including control of the hardware resources according to a request from an application executed in the image forming apparatus,

wherein the image forming apparatus is configured to be able to install a plurality of applications separately from the control services, and the image forming apparatus includes the information providing part and the print request part as an application.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A print process method used in an image forming apparatus, the print process method comprising the steps of:

providing, by a Web server in the image forming apparatus to a client terminal, screen data to be displayed as a Web screen by a Web browser on the client terminal, the screen data being used for selecting one or more image forming apparatuses among from a plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to a network; and

distributing print data and a print request, by the image forming apparatus, to one or more image forming apparatuses selected on the Web screen,

the method further comprising the image forming apparatus printing, and at least one of copying, faxing, and scanning.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus sends screen data for inputting a print instruction to the client terminal, and distributes the print data and the print request in response to the print instruction from the client terminal.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus sends screen data used for uploading the print data to the client terminal, and receives the print data when the print data is uploaded from the client terminal.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the screen data includes data for displaying a plurality of image forming apparatuses and corresponding places for each of the image forming apparatuses.

Claim 19 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the screen data includes data for displaying a plurality of image forming apparatuses and corresponding functions for each of the image forming apparatuses.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus stores information including addresses of the selected one or more image forming apparatuses, and

wherein the image forming apparatus distributes the print data and the print request by referring to the information stored in the storing part.

Claim 21 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the print instruction includes an instruction for designating functions to be used for printing the print data, and

the image forming apparatus selects one or more image forming apparatuses that includes the designated functions from among the selected one or more image forming apparatuses, and distributes the print data and the print request to the one or more image forming apparatuses that includes the designated functions.

Claim 22 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus requests a printing part of the image forming apparatus itself to print the print data.

Claim 23 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the image forming apparatus requests the printing part of the image forming apparatus itself to print the print data by using a loop back address.

Claim 24 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, the print process method further comprising address obtaining step of obtaining addresses of image forming apparatuses connected to a network; and

wherein the image forming apparatus distributes the print data and the print request by using the addresses obtained by the address obtaining step.

Claim 25 (Original): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the image forming apparatus obtains the addresses from MIBs by using SNMP.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The print process method as claimed in claim 14, the image forming apparatus comprising hardware resources used for image forming processes, and control services that perform processes of the system side including control of the hardware resources according to a request from an application executed in the image forming apparatus,

wherein the image forming apparatus is configured to be able to install a plurality of applications separately from the control services, and the application performs the providing, and the distributing.

Claims 27-28 (Canceled).